

NAURU ISLAND WAR CRIMES

I, SX 10334 Major Douglas John McBAIN of Army Headquarters, Melbourne, make oath and say:

1. I am an officer of the Australian Military Forces.
2. Annexed hereto and marked Exhibit "A" is a true copy of a statement by Lee Chong Wong on which I have in my custody in the course of my duties.
3. The original signed statement cannot be made available immediately as it is required for trials of minor war criminals.

Sworn before me at Melbourne this )  
27th day of May, 1946. ) (Sgd) Douglas McBain (Major)

(Sgd) W. BUNSELL Capt.  
An officer of the Australian  
Military Forces.

LEE CHONG WONG - Houseboy to Col. CHALMERS states:

The Japanese first put me in the Chinese settlement. I cooked for the five white men and took the food in to them three times per day. I remember the American bombing raid about 8 o'clock on 25 Mar. 43. The bombs fell a long way away from the house where Col CHALMERS was imprisoned and the house was not damaged.

At 7 o'clock the next morning I went to Col. CHALMERS' house and there was a Japanese Guard at each door. They asked me why I had come. I said "Because I am the houseboy". It was told I could come inside. I went inside the house and found all the white men had gone.

All Col CHALMERS' clothes were there there except his pyjamas. I looked in Mr. Harmer's drawer and found his razor there. I asked the Japanese guards where the white men were but they would not tell me. At 8 o'clock I went down to draw the rations for the Europeans and they told me "No more."

All the Europeans were in the house the previous night. They were all well except Dr. Quinn who could not walk. All clothing belongings to the other four whites was still in the house when I went the next morning. Prior to this time the Japanese had only one guard on the house.

When I went into the house at 7 o'clock that morning there was a long smear of blood on the floor from the position in which Dr. Quinn usually slept, the length of the room to the lower door as if a body had been dragged along the floor.

I was afraid to ask the Japanese the reason for the blood. I could not recognise any of the guards now. They changed every two hours. The last time I saw Col. Chambers was when I took him his evening meal on the night of 25 March, 1943.

This is the document marked Exhibit "A" referred to in the Affidavit of SX10334, Maj. D. J. McBain, A.H.Q., sworn before me this 27th day of May, 1946, as being produced and shown to him at this time of his swearing his said Affidavit.

(Sgd) W. BUNSELL Capt.